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A CURIOUS FISH.

Dealers at T Wharf Never Saw One Just Like It Before.

In a lot of bonita that came up to T wharf, Boston, from Cape Cod yesterday morning was a strange fish that no one at the wharf recognized. The fish was a young one, and measured a little more than two feet in length. In color it resembles a swordfish, but the shape, fins and tail are not at all like those of the swordfish.

The head of the fish is the most peculiar part of it. It is flat on the top, and on the under part the gills are similar to those of the swordfish. The under jaw, however, is like that of a cod, and projects a half inch beyond the upper one. The flat head is corrugated, and formed into a sort of sucker provided by nature to hold the fish under rocks. The fish weighed about three pounds, and when the sucker was wet and pressed against a flat surface it required all the strength of a strong man to release it.

The fish came to John Burns & Co. Mr. Burns, Sr., is one of the oldest men in the fish business at T wharf, but in his 50 years of business he had never seen a fish like it, nor had others.

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Good Stock.

Sch. John Hays Hammond, Capt. Lemuel E. Spinney, stocked \$2800 as the result of her recent cod and halibut trip, the crew sharing \$55.46 clear.

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Fine Share.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, Capt. William Enos, made a fine stock on her recent swordfish trip. She had 110 fish and the crew shared \$100 each.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Flirt, via Boston.
Sch. Ralph Russell, Rips, 55,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Clintonia, Rips, 5000 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. Romance, Rips, 5000 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, via Boston, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Arthur D. Story, Georges, 26,000 lbs. salt cod.

Today's Fish Market.

Round pollock, .75 cts. per cwt.; gutted 80 cents.
Salt bank cod, large \$3.75, mediums, \$3.
Salt Rips, cod, large, \$4.00, mediums, \$3.15; snapper \$2.
Salt Georges cod, large \$4.25, mediums, \$3.25.
Salt bank dory handline cod, \$3.87 1-2 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for mediums.
Grand Bank fresh cod, \$2.00 per cwt. for large, \$1.60 for mediums.
Bank halibut 6 cts. per lb. for white and 4 cts. for gray.
Salt pollock, \$1.50; salt haddock, \$1.50.
Cape Shore salt mackerel, \$9.50 per bbl.
Fresh mackerel, 14 cts. each for large and 6 cents for mediums.
Rips salt mackerel, \$9.50 per bbl.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2; mediums, \$1.50; Cape North cod, large, \$1.90; medium, \$1.45; Peak cod large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.37 1-2; cusk, \$1.60; haddock, \$1.00; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, .75 to 80 cts.
Salt medium mackerel, \$11 per bbl.

Boston.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, 12,000 fresh medium mackerel.
Sch. Grayling, 10,000 fresh medium mackerel.
Sch. Hattie A. Heckman, 12,000 fresh medium mackerel.
Sch. Ingomar, 10,000 fresh medium mackerel.
Sch. Pontiac, 4500 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, 3000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 6000 pollock.
Sch. Valentina, 57 swordfish.
Sch. M. Madeleine, 50 swordfish.
Sch. Lafayette, 29 swordfish.
Sch. Freedom.
Sch. Charles A. Dyer, 50 bbls. bluebacks.
Sch. Mattakesett, 8500 haddock, 1800 cod.
Sch. Flavilla, 17,000 cod.
Sch. Nettie Franklin, 5000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 14,000 pollock.
Sch. Vesta, 2000 haddock, 2500 cod, 800 hake.

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Sch. Louisa R. Sylva, 6000 haddock, 27,000 cod, 10,000 hake.
Haddock, \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.25; market cod, \$1.50 to \$1.75; hake, \$1; pollock, \$1; fresh mackerel 12 cts. each for large and 7 cts. each for medium; swordfish, 9 cts. per lb.

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MODUS VIVENDI

Will Again Be in Force at Newfoundland Next Season.

State Department Made Formal Announcement Yesterday.

A Washington, D. C., dispatch of yesterday says:
"To guard against friction pending a settlement before The Hague tribunal of the respective rights of American fishermen in Newfoundland waters, the department of state yesterday reached an agreement with the British foreign office for an extension of the present modus vivendi, governing the fisheries, to cover the approaching fishing season.

By this means friction over the acts of American fishermen in Newfoundland waters will be avoided pending a settlement of the whole question before The Hague tribunal. None of the rights of the subjects of either government are impaired by this action.

A distinct advantage is to be found in the continuation at this time of last year's modus vivendi, because it is anticipatory of the fishing season which begins in August and hence removes ground for serious complications which are constantly apt to arise in the absence of any well-defined understanding and agreement covering the fisheries.

Last year's modus was not ratified until September 4, after a long correspondence between the state department and the foreign office at London, and there always was fear that some clash would occur pending its ratification. It is understood that the modus extended by Mr. Reid and the British foreign office is in precisely the same terms as that of last year.

That instrument worked apparently very satisfactorily and the season closed without any serious hitch between American fishermen and Newfoundland authorities. There have always been many difficulties to overcome by the state department in dealing with the fisheries question, partly because of the insistence of the Newfoundlanders on their right to legislate locally as to the fisheries, so long as such legislation did not in terms discriminate against Americans and their contention that they are not thereby infringing the treaty rights of Americans.

Then there was the matter of the use of purse seine and the opposition by Newfoundland last year to the renewal of that paragraph of the modus vivendi of the previous season which legalized the enlistment of the Newfoundland fishermen as members of the crews of American fishing smacks. All of the differences were satisfactorily adjusted, however, through mutual concessions and the troublesome question was settled for the time being.

Prof. A. B. Alexander of the United States fish commission following his practice for several years, will soon go on the government vessel Potomac to the Bay of Islands on the west coast of Newfoundland to advise American fishermen of their rights, so as to obviate any clash or friction with local Newfoundland officials.

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FOUR MORE FARES.

Vessels Still Making Mackerel Catches on the Rips.

Three more of the mackerel seining fleet arrived at T wharf, Boston, yesterday afternoon, sch. Ralph L. Hall, Capt. Frank H. Hall, with 6000 large fresh mackerel, sch. Aloha, Capt. John McInnis, with 10,000 large fresh mackerel and 12 barrel of salt mackerel, and sch. Electric Flash, Capt. William Bissert, with 5000 fresh medium mackerel and 30 barrels of salt mackerel. This morning sch. Fannie E. Prescott, Capt. Thomas Downey, is there with 5000 fresh large and medium mackerel.

The catch of salt mackerel to date is 15,405 barrels against 17,121 barrels at this time last year.

The catch of fresh mackerel to date is 42,634 barrels against 42,416 barrels at this time last year.

Imports of fresh mackerel to date are 5120 barrels against 4947 barrels at this time last year.

Imports of new salt mackerel to date 8302 barrels against 1049 barrels at this time last year.

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Rips Cod Advance.

Rips or "drift" salt cod advanced in prices this morning, the fare of sch. Rose Standish, from Georges, selling to Cunningham & Thompson at \$4.10 per hundred weight for large and \$3.25 for mediums.

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Sch. Maud F. Silva, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Rose Standish, Rips, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Lawrence Murdock, Georges, 7000 lbs. salt cod
Sch. Ralph L. Hall, via Boston, 5 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Susan and Mary, 110,000 lbs. fresh fish, 25,000 lbs. salt cod, 1000 lbs. halibut.

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Sch. Aloha, 10,000 large fresh mackerel, 12 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Electric Flash, 5000 fresh medium mackerel, 30 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, 5000 fresh large and medium mackerel.
Sch. Bessie, 1800 haddock, 400 cod.
Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 1000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Mary C. Santos, 6000 haddock 36,000 cod, 14,000 pollock.
Sch. Maxwell, 17 swordfish.
Sch. Mary E. Sennst, 60 swordfish.
Sch. Minerva, 64 swordfish.
Haddock, \$2 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.35; market cod, \$1.50; pollock, 80 cts.; fresh mackerel, large, 14 1-2 cts. each, medium, 6 cts. each.

July 27.

GOOD FISHING.

Sch. Muriel M. Young Does Well on Caplin Baiting.

The Lunenburg banker, Muriel M. Young, Captain Hemmelman, arrived at St. John's, recently, expecting to get her two men who strayed away from her while running their trawls on the banks a week ago last Wednesday, but the men had been landed and proceeded home by steamer before their vessel got there.

The Muriel M. Young is on her second trip, having landed 1300 quintals at her home port the first week of June, and has 1200 quintals on board now on three baitings of caplin. This makes her high liner of her fleet.

Forty-five thousand squid were taken at Cape Broyle, and 15,000 more will be taken before she leaves for the banks again. She fished with seven dories, but will resume the voyage with six now.

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NO MACKEREL ARRIVALS.

But Good Weather of Today May Result in Taking Schools.

There are no arrivals of fresh mackerel here or at Boston today. The northeaster of Friday and Saturday drove the most of the fleet to harbor at Provincetown and some of them sailed again yesterday.

Sch. Cynthia landed 2500 large fresh mackerel at Provincetown on Saturday.

Two seiners, schs. Independence II. and Corsair are at this port today with small lots of salt mackerel.

Mackerel are fair at Alberton, P. E. I. Three traps at Lunenburg, N. S., took 600 mackerel on Friday.